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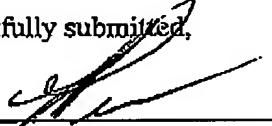
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## REMARKS

The Examiner has required has required that the Applicant elect between two group, (I) Claims 1-11 and 21-27 drawn to a magnetic write head and its associated system, and group (II) claims 12-20 drawn to a method of fabricating a thin film magnetic head reading element. Accordingly, the applicant hereby elects, without traverse, group II for prosecution. In addition, the Examiner has required that the Applicant elect between two species, species I being described with reference to Figures 6 and 7, and Species II being described with reference to Fig. 8. The Applicant hereby elects species I in the case that none of the allowed claims are found to be generic. The Applicant, however, considers claims 12-20 to all be generic to both species I and II.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this matter further, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 971-2573. For payment of any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2587 (Order No. HJS920030275US1).

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